



Snapshot of High School Class of 2003

Source: Michigan Merit Award, Michigan Department of Treasury

Michigan Merit Award - Rewards academic achievement and makes postsecondary education more affordable. Qualifying students are eligible for \$2,500 to be used at any approved postsecondary educational institution. The award is available to all public school, public school academy, nonpublic school, and home school students. Funding is provided by a portion of Michigan's share of the revenue from the November 1998 multi-state settlement agreement with tobacco manufacturers. A student must take the MEAP High School Tests in mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Students who achieve Level 1 or Level 2 on all four tests, and who meet all other eligibility requirements, qualify for the \$2,500. Unlike many other scholarship programs for postsecondary education, the Michigan Merit Award is based solely on academic achievement. The Class of 2000 was the first eligible graduating class.

CLASS OF 2003 - PUBLIC	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies*
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	16,985	7,863	15,338	4,556	732
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards	44,607	54,556	52,860	55,510	24,362
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement	12,885	15,923	13,042	24,481	31,306
Level 4 - Not endorsed	28,451	23,746	20,893	14,052	41,656
Total tested	102,928	102,088	102,133	98,599	98,056
Enrollment (as reported in Fall 2002)					111,285
Students taking all four tests (math, science, reading, and writing)					101,282

CLASS OF 2003 - NON-PUBLIC	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies*
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	2,146	908	1,823	743	31
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards	3,648	4,893	4,313	4,862	1,269
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement	613	680	484	1,016	1,145
Level 4 - Not endorsed	645	543	394	345	827
Total tested	7,052	7,024	7,014	6,966	3,272
Enrollment (reported voluntarily)					8,903

*Social Studies scores are not used in the calculation for a Merit Award.

	Class of 2003	Class of 2002	Class of 2001	Class of 2000
Total Estimated Enrollment (public and non-public)	120,188	112,027	110,898	111,342
Merit Award Recipients	51,331	51,733	48,671	43,179
Potential Award Liability	\$128,327,500	\$129,332,500	\$121,677,500	\$107,947,500

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